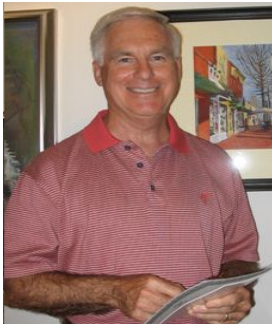




Carolyn Britt happily taught Summer Camp this year and had a blast! She found working with the little ones and clay for the first time so inspiring and the projects we did together were so much fun. She currently works as a Primary Assist at Covered Bridge Academy where she loves to lead the art projects in every medium. Before that you may have seen her in the office at the Mable House Art Center where she was an administrative assistant for almost 4 years. In college, she majored in Art Therapy and earned a BFA in painting, but instead spent over 14 years in advertising in the Athens area. Her hobby of sewing has grown into a home business, Red Orchid Studio, where she embroiders gifts and designs fleece quilts. She and her husband have a son who also attends Covered Bridge Academy in the Primary room across the hall from the one she teaches in.



Kimberly Ford teaches a variety of adult and children's art classes at The Mable House since January of 2009. She is also an instructor for the spring and summer break camps. Her passion is getting her students excited about all two and three-dimensional media while learning about important aspects of Art History. Kimberly received a Bachelor degree of Fine Arts from University of Colorado in 1998, a Masters in Art Education from Florida State University in 1999, and a Diploma of Graphic Design from The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale in 2003. She has taught 2-D art at Deerfield Beach High School in Florida, worked as a graphic designer. She has experience in the world of advertising at a marketing firm, as an event planner, photography shoot coordinator, and in the traffic department doing production support. Her one true love is working as a teacher to art students of all ages, incorporating her past creative experiences into her current teaching techniques.



Gary Baughman has been painting for shows and sales since 1980. He began taking private watercolor lessons in the 70's and began painting in the pastel medium in 1989. He also has painted in oils since childhood. He moves from medium to medium as the muse moves him. Gary is blessed in being able to portray many subjects: landscapes, still lives, waterfowl, dogs, wild animals, and birds. Along the way in his art career he has acquired skills and ideas that he enjoys passing on to his willing students. Hopefully, inspiring the love of art and the ability to create it will be Gary's legacy to his students. Gary has always had a keen interest in the wonder of flight. Other than drawing and painting, he is involved in another art form: designing, building, and flying stick and tissue, rubber-powered free flight model airplanes. He competes with these and other types of models at the National level. His early interest in model airplanes led to a Congressional appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. After graduation, Gary became an Air Force pilot, taking part in various missions around the world as well as participating in over 150 combat missions during the Viet Nam war. He retired from 35 years in the real estate business in 2005. He devotes a majority of his time to the creation of fine art, being a good husband to his wife, Jeannie, and being a grandfather to seven grandchildren.



Instructor: Deborah Karwisch

Pottery, Photography, Videography

Deborah left the corporate world in 2000 to pursue her interest in photography and videography. She took several courses at The Showcase School including studio lighting and portrait photography, and worked with a videographer for a year. She became actively involved in the South Cobb Arts Alliance and Mable House Arts Center in 2001, starting out as a pottery student. Deb and her husband, Jim, have attended classes at the Mable House and John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC.

As an instructor at the Mable House Arts Center, Deborah has taught all ages from pre-K to adult. She taught photography, pottery, folk dance and singing games in the children's summer camps at the Mable House. In 2005-2006, Deborah conducted art classes through grant

programs at the Center for Children & Young Adults, South Cobb Recreation Center, Walton Communities Children's Center, and the Therapeutics Program at Thompson Park.

Deborah grew up in DeKalb County and lives in Mableton where she co-owns Hollow Mountain Arts, Inc. and works with her husband in their home pottery studio.



Angela C Ferguson

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio with a background in Fashion Merchandising, Economic Development and Certified Public Management. She is the second of six siblings, a mother of a 27 year old son and a 4 year old granddaughter. She served as a Sergeant in the United States Army and has lived in Germany, Belgium, Kansas, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. and currently resides in Austell, Georgia.

Thru all of her schooling, jobs and travels there's one thing that remained constant and that was her creativity. Since the 2nd grade Angela C Ferguson has been crafting one item or another.

From stick figures on ice skates, to acrylics on leather, to making jackets from her mothers kitchen curtains, to crocheting skull caps during study hall (hence the bad grades!), to creating a line of glycerin-based soaps, to designing one-of-a-kind jewelry which landed a contract at the Smithsonian African Arts Museum Gift Shop in Washington, DC. in 2003.

Angela's interests at this point in her life are dolls, Art dolls to be exact. She belongs to the Dollie Chicks Doll Club at the Red Hen Fabrics Shop in Marietta, GA. There she learned how to make clay faces and created a doll called the "Lead Singer-Bug Eyed Blues Band." She entered him into the South Cobb Arts Alliance Members' Exhibit, her first juried art exhibit, in July 2010 and won a "Juror's Choice Award – Yellow Ribbon." Angela's other recognitions include:

Recognition:

- "In Thought" Cloth Doll, 3rd Place, SCAA Member's Exhibit August 2011
- Article, South Cobb New & Views, Smyrna/Vinings Edition, July-August 2011
- "Upright Bass Player" was accepted into the SCAA 24th National Art Exhibit – August 2011 (*first time in 24 years a doll has been accepted for exhibition*)
- "Samina" Cloth Doll/Mermaid, Soft Dolls & Animals Magazine, Sept 2011

For the past 3 years, Angela has utilized her doll making skills at the Mable House Storytelling Festival held in October of each year and has help create over 700 dolls to date. Her doll classes are also a favorite at the National Institutes of Health's "Take Your Child to Work Day" in Bethesda, Md. There she hosts a class of 100 children, parents, grandparents, doctors, scientists, and analysts who sit at her tables and embellish doll forms while reminiscing about their childhoods and how simple things used to be.

Angela can be found most days in her home studio creating and talking to her dolls. "I love it when I talk to them because I'm always right!"



Cindy Taylor is an Atlanta - based artist/educator who was born and raised in New York City. Cindy has a BFA in painting from the Savannah College of Art and Design and graduated magna cum laude. Early in her art career she studied Environmental Design and Architecture at Parsons the New School for Design and won a scholarship in drawing at the Art Students League of New York. Cindy has been teaching private elementary school in Atlanta since 1996 and as an art instructor at the Mable House Art Center in Cobb County since 2001. She has worked on grassroots level projects with well-known local Atlanta artists and often works in collaboration with her students. Abstract landscapes as well as the natural environment influence her current body of work in painting and photography.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR - DANNY SCHNITZLEIN



Danny is an award-winning author who also writes for children's educational television. His first book, *The Monster Who Ate My Peas*, received two readers' choice awards. *The Monster Who Did My Math* was named one of the best books of 2007 by Atlanta Parent magazine and one of "25 Books All Young Georgians Should Read" by the Georgia Center for the Book. Danny and his books are featured in the Georgia Department of Education's "READ MORE" initiative and the Atlanta Falcons' "Read With a Falcon" program. He visits schools around the country to share his passion for writing. Danny also loves painting, hiking, reading, playing guitar, and writing songs. He lives in Marietta, Georgia with his wife, two children and a dog that steals shoes. Visit dannyschnitzlein.com to learn more.



About Sharon Owens

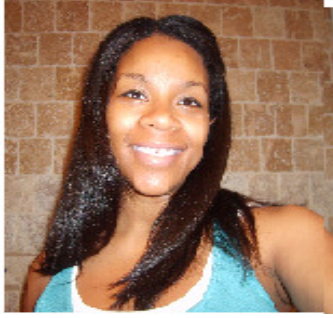
As an educator with over 25 years of experience, Sharon has worked in the field of education as an Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School teacher with private and public school students. With extensive training in gifted education, she is certified to score the Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking. During her career, she has served as a mentor for gifted and regular educators. Sharon also assisted with the educational planning and instruction for preschool students with various special needs. She has experience not only in teaching but also as a seamstress. Sharon participates in a worldwide educational program as a personal instructor in the English-speaking and Portuguese-speaking communities. Sharon has also served as a delegate at international conventions in Japan, Poland and South Africa.



Ben Taylor – Percussion, Drums, Hand Percussion

Mr. Taylor has extensive formal training in a variety of styles of music. He held the drum position in the top band at the Greensboro, North Carolina John Coltrane School of Jazz from age fourteen to eighteen. He earned a scholarship to the Berklee College of Music in 12th grade. He attended to University of North Carolina as Asheville before moving to Atlanta to attend Kennesaw State on a full scholarship where he studied classical percussion. Ben has twelve years teaching experience from middle school, high school, private and clinic settings. He has recorded in several multi-platinum studios in the Atlanta and Southeast areas, and holds a variety of producing and writing credits from albums to TV soundtracks, to singles on the radio. Ben has shared the stage with countless artists. A few to note are

Warren Haynes, Ellis Marsalis, Jeff Coffin, Oteil Burbridge, Adam Nitti, "Fututre Man", Grant Green Jr., Chris Duarte', Geoff Achison, Gary Motley. Mr. Taylor's strengths developed from his extensive experience in a variety of styles and settings. His passion for teaching matches his passion for writing and performing.



Ms. Talecia Fitzgerald, Artistic Director

Dance is a way of life for Dance-Fit-Kid's Artistic Director, Talecia Fitzgerald. She has over 15 years of experience in various genres from ballet to hip-hop. Her unique dance career is the inspiration for the company's diverse offerings which continue to keep kids excited, involved and most of all, moving!

Ms. Fitzgerald began her dance career with Atlanta Festival Ballet under the direction of Gregory Aaron at the age of seven. It was there that she put on her first pair of ballet slippers and fell in love with the art of movement. Her mastery of ballet technique earned her a spot in the Governor's Honor Program at Valdosta State University. She expanded

her dance knowledge at North Atlanta High School's Performing Arts program. There, she was principal dancer in countless performances and ensembles. Further, her talent allowed her to be featured in a video production with the BET network. Moving forward, Talecia joined the prestigious Gary Harrison Dance Company where she studied for four seasons. Key performances there include *Fancy Free*, *Choices* and *My Soul Had to Move*.

Ms. Fitzgerald has combined her poignant dance career with her passion for children's fitness. While working with children as a freelance dance instructor, she noticed an alarming trend of obesity. She witnessed children as young as three who were unable to fully participate in activities because of their weight. It was then that she began to develop simple dance routines geared towards fitness that allowed children to have fun at the same time.

Talecia Fitzgerald built Dance-Fit-Kids out of a mutual love for dance and children. Her passion for both is evident in her patient and innovative approach to instruction. Her classes allow children to express themselves, build self-esteem and get a great workout!



Tom Milley

A graduate of Asbury University in Kentucky, Tom has been involved in local community theatre for 17 years. He has taught several drama classes here at the Arts Center, and has been involved in numerous Footlights productions with the Theatre Project, with duties that have included directing, performing, and stage sweeping. Tom was the recipient of the first Cobb County Ovation Award for Actor of the Year in 2009, and yet, he still doesn't have his own webpage or agent. When not working with the kids or acting, or driving for a local medical company, Tom is playing with his grandson Ryder, and waiting for granddaughter Emma's arrival.

Mariella Owens

Has been a professional pottery teacher for over 30 years, attended professional workshops throughout the country. I've been teaching pottery classes for over 30 years, I have taught 25 years for the city of Dayton River bend Art Center, I also taught Wilberforce University, Wilberforce Ohio, Rosewood Kettering Ohio. I also taught classes at Kick wheel studio in Tucker Ga. I am also teaching classes and workshops at the Mable House in Mableton Ga.

Over the years Mariella Owens has one 250 ribbons in art shows and in galleries and exhibitions. The ribbons consist of best of show 1st and 2nd place and some 3rd.

Mariella has worked throughout the united states at individuals homes and collectors galleries. She has worked in Japan and Africa. Mariella has worked in the traveling African American art show in 1980 that traveled throughout many parts in the united states.

Mariella also worked with the home schooled at the Mable House Art Center. Mariella can also mix glazes fire kennels, and whatever needs to be done.

Mariella has her own studio that she works each and every day, and she also still has her studio in Ohio, that she can still work in.

Valorie McDonald

Born into a musical family and began playing cello at the age of 10. She earned her Bachelor of Music degree in cello performance from Furman University and then went on to the University of Texas at Austin where she earned a Master of Music degree in cello literature and pedagogy. While in Austin, she taught with the University of Texas String Project, a nationally recognized teacher-training program. Through this program, Mrs. McDonald had the opportunity to teach individuals and classes ranging in age from preschool to adult. She has been trained in the Suzuki Method for cello and is certified to teach MusikGarten *Family Music* and *Cycle of the Seasons* curricula.

In addition to teaching, Mrs. McDonald has been an active member in her church orchestra as a cellist and assistant conductor. She has also performed as a professional cellist in a string quartet and other various ensembles.

Mrs. McDonald currently resides in Mableton with her husband and two young children.

James (Jay) L. Young is an Atlanta Metro Area based, full time commercial photographer who lives in the Austell/Mableton Community. His work can be seen in regional and national print and electronic publications – gracing both covers and spreads in magazines and/or anchoring press releases from major PR firms and organizations. Most recently, his work was displayed during Oxygen Network's sophomore reality series Hair Battle Spectacular (Aug 2011). He currently serves as President/CEO of James L. Young Photography Inc. and Director of Photography and Video Production at Aspire Online Magazine (aspireonlinemagazine.com).

A former Marine and lifelong technologist, Jay sought an outlet for his creative side for a number of years and it, ultimately, was satisfied through photography. In 2001 he picked up a camera and has never set it down. Being self taught, in 2004 he spent the next 2 years learning everything about composition, lighting, equipment and more from research, trial shoots, assisting and, more importantly, full time industry professionals who were more than willing to teach. So, in 2006 Jay decided to become a Semi-Professional photographer specializing in portraits – both personal and professional – and Golf, a niche market. The following 2 years included the addition of landscapes and several other styles of photography, all in an effort to determine what type of photography he "wanted" to do. In January 2009, James L. Young Photography was formed and the decision to become a full time Commercial photography firm was made – in order to satisfy both his artistic needs and use of his extensive business background.

Specializing in all things commercial (to include advertising, product, editorial and fashion), Jay has had the opportunity to work with everyone from individuals in need of professional portraits, to fashion designers, to large, international companies who require not only great images, but also discretion. Jay is known to offer, "Photography is more than pictures when that's how you eat. It's a balance of great photographic skills, people skills, targeted planning, attention to detail and acumen in myriad areas. Anyone can click the shutter release button, but the photographer does everything leading up to that."



Tracey Waddell, Certified Yoga Instructor

In 1995, I earned a BS from Syracuse University in Child Psychology with emphasis on educating and supporting the hospitalized child. I worked in 3 children's hospitals in New York and Georgia for 10 years (becoming certified as a Brain Injury Specialist). In 2003, I was fortunate to be given an opportunity to stay home and raise my three beautiful children, Autumn (2001), Meadow (2003) and Skye (2005) full time. I have unlimited help and support from Matt, my best friend since 1994 and husband since 2000. With education as a passion, I was a founding parent of two charter schools that opened in South Cobb County in 2007. After spending a few years in the public school arena developing and attending the charter school, I discovered that homeschooling was ultimately the best option for our family. We have been happily homeschooling since 2008. I helped develop the Homeschool Enrichment Program at the Mable House Arts Center, where my children have enjoyed exceptional classes since 2009. I

started practicing yoga as a passionate pursuit in 2007, attending 6 yoga retreats within 4 years. I became certified as an instructor of Angel Bear Yoga in 2009. I absolutely LOVE teaching yoga to some of the most enthusiastic children on the planet. The most important intention I share with my children and my students is to have a deep love and respect for self, other people, any living creatures, and all of nature surrounding us.



Patricia Thompson is a local artist who enjoys teaching classes at Play Music & Art in Canton, GA and at the Mablehouse Arts Center. As a long time home schooler, Patricia is also the founder of the Kids Art Club of Atlanta, a homeschool art and social club, hosting a variety of art classes throughout the year. Patricia is a member of the South Cobb Arts Alliance and the Southern Pastel Society. She has shown her work in numerous galleries including 16 Patton in Asheville, NC Odom's Gallery in Charlotte, SC and most recently at the Mablehouse "World of Art" group exhibition. Patricia also specializes in making custom beading moccasins for Native American dancers. Her bead work focuses on traditional, native symbolism and beading techniques used by the many tribes of North America. She shares her enthusiasm for Native American culture through the Georgia 'Artists in Schools' program, where she demonstrates moccasin making and bead work to classrooms of students throughout the year.



Hello my name is Sophia SoSo Starnes the Cake Artist.

I was born and raised in Atlanta, GA and currently attending Ashford University to complete my Dual Degrees BA of Art in Business Administration and Masters' in Entrepreneurship. I call myself the Cake Artist because I love baking, fashion and Art; when you put them all together it's called Cake Art. I begin baking at the young age of 12 with my Grandmother. So I decided to open my on-line bakery after leaving the Public School System as a Special Needs Teacher. We create and design cakes for all occasions and deliver in Atlanta and Alabama state line. Please visit us at www.soosootasty.com



Teresa's Treasures

The color and sparkle of glass has always attracted me. To experiment with forms and formulas, to be able to create a work of art using glass, heat and my imagination is what being an artist is all about.

Glass fusing and slumping is the art of creating works both functional and artistic using colored glass. This media is more versatile than leaded or stained glass because of the artist's ability to shape and mold the glass. Using colored glass powders to create scenes and shadow, I am able to "paint" with glass. The results, whether fanciful character studies or a set of one of a kind sushi dishes all share the same dedication and attention to detail that has always been the hallmark of my work. Please visit my website. www.treasuresbyteresa.net to experience some of my newest glass creations.

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Your Choi Kwang Do instructor, Master Beverly S. Busker is a 5th Degree Black Belt who has trained under Grand Master Kwang Jo Choi for twenty three years. She began her training as a school owner in 1988 and achieved her black belt in 1990. She tested for the rank of 5th degree in March of 2007 and was the first female to become a Master Instructor in the art of Choi Kwang-Do worldwide. She also has a B.S. Degree in Physical Education from Georgia Southwestern College where she graduated Cum Laude in 1976.

Master Busker certified as a Chief Instructor in 1990 and has taught classes at full time martial art schools, recreation centers, day care facilities and elementary after school programs. She is also a Certified Belt Promotion Examiner, the first female in the Georgia area, and conducts belt promotion examinations from white belt to 3rd Degree Black Belts.

Master Busker is a Certified Self-Defense Instructor and has conducted seminars in the Atlanta area for hundreds of women of all ages. She teaches self-defense techniques that are practical, easy and fun to learn. These women have benefited from her knowledge of how to avoid an attack and what to do if an attack is inevitable.

As former Captain of the Georgia Area Demonstration Team, Master Busker has traveled to seminars and events in the southeast promoting Choi Kwang Do Martial Art. Master Busker has an unbridled passion for teaching children. This has been a lifelong desire for her and is what drives her to excel year after year. She has the ability to work with children of all ages and skill levels but she is especially gifted when it comes to working with special needs children. She has tremendous patience and an uncanny knack for bringing out the best in all of her students.

Her message to all is to try a class and see what a positive difference Choi Kwang Do can make in your life or in the life of your child.